

M/049/009

## TINTIC UTAH METALS LLC

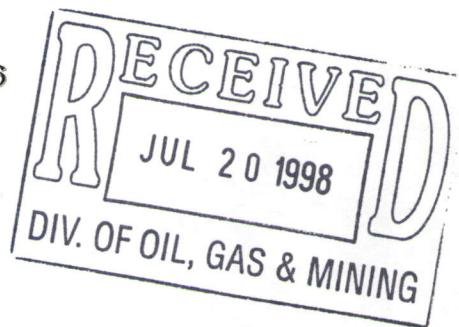
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July 17, 1998

D. Wayne Hedberg  
Permit Supervisor  
State of Utah  
Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining  
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Re: Acceptance of Reclamation Responsibilities - Apex/Burgin Mine, M/049/009, Utah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hedburg:

Tintic Utah Metals LLC has taken over the day to day operations of the Apex/Burgin mine that is currently permitted through Sunshine Mining Company file number M/049/009. Tintic Utah Metals LLC has submitted to your office a surety bond # \_\_\_\_\_ 'issued by Frontier Insurance Company to replace the existing Sunshine Mining Company surety bond # \_\_\_\_\_ issued through Travelers Casualty and Surety Company.

Tintic Utah Metals LLC has and will continue to acceptance responsibilities for the current Sunshine Mining Company permit, file # M/049/009 and all associated reclamation as provide by the Act. Tintic Utah Metals LLC has submitted to your department a revised large mine permit transfer application, which your department has reviewed and has requested additional information. This requested information is being compiled and will be submitted to your department for consideration.

Please consider the replacement of the Traveler's bond by the Frontier bond at your earliest convenience. During this interim period there are two bonds in place with associated costs. Thank your for your cooperation and consideration. If addition information is needed, please don't hesitate to call.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul C. Spor".

Paul C. Spor  
Executive Director

cc: Tom Gast, EMS